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2009-2010 Academic Highlights



Freshmen enjoy COSAM Open House.

The College of Sciences and Mathematics (COSAM) welcomed 781 freshmen this fall for a total of 2,865 undergraduates. Graduate school members totaled 322 to round out an all-time high enrollment of 3,187 in the College. Incoming freshmen boasted an average 3.82 high school GPA, the highest in the [University](#), as well as an average 27.1 ACT score, up from 26.8 in 2008.

Also, 50 percent of COSAM's May 2009 graduates finished with honors. The College's students were accepted to professional schools at 30 percent above the national acceptance rates.

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COSAM Faculty Receive Auburn University Awards



Pictured with Gerald and Emily Leischuck is award

Two COSAM professors received recognition at the [Auburn University Faculty Awards](#) ceremony on Tuesday, Oct. 27, recognizing excellence in teaching, research and outreach.

[Dr. Mary Mendonca](#), Biological Sciences professor, was one of the two recipients of the University's highest teaching honors, The Gerald and Emily Leischuck Endowed Presidential Awards.

Also during the ceremony, Auburn awarded the 2009 alumni professorships including Dr. Mendonca and [Dr. Mark Steltenpohl](#), a professor in Geology and Geography.

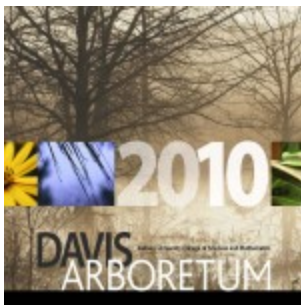
Emily Leischuck is award winner Dr. Mary Mendonca (second from right).



New Alumni Professors include (second from left) Dr. Mark Steltenpohl and (second from right) Dr. Mary Mendonca.

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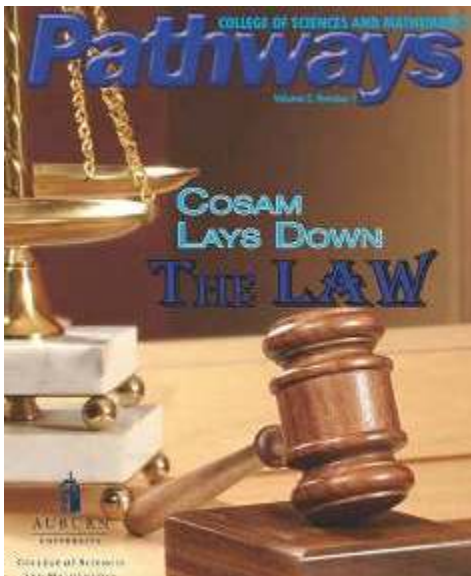
Donald E. Davis Arboretum 2010 Calendar Available



The 2010 [Donald E. Davis Arboretum](#) calendars are available for purchase beginning Nov. 3. As the holidays approach, consider this beautiful publication in support of the COSAM facility. The calendar includes various entries from the Arboretum's spring photography contest as well as photos from Patrick Thompson, staff photographer. The publication costs only \$8. For orders of five or more, the cost is only \$6 per calendar. Call 334-844-5770 or arbinfo@auburn.edu to place your order or for more information.

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Pathways Goes Green

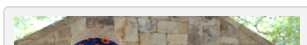


In light of recent budget cuts, increased paper costs, mailing expenses and environmental considerations, we at COSAM have been rethinking how we communicate with our alumni and friends. This fall, we've gone green by significantly reducing the number of printed copies of our fall publication, *Pathways* magazine.

The fall 2009 issue of *Pathways* is now available online and features a cover story about COSAM graduates who have pursued careers in the field of law. From alumni profiles to updates on the College, we think you will find this issue informative and insightful. We hope you enjoy it and, as always, we look forward to your reactions and suggestions.

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COSAM Hosts 15th Annual Dean's Scholarship Golf Classic



COSAM welcomed 27 golf teams comprised of 108 alumni and friends to the 15th annual [Dean's Scholarship Golf Classic](#) on Sept. 25. The purpose of the tournament



Dean Schneller and distinguished guest Aubie

was to raise funds for scholarships. This year, four full-tuition scholarships were awarded.

“Through the generosity of you (donors), we have been able to award more than 30 academic scholarships, including the four this year. I truly thank you for your continued support of the Dean’s Scholarship Golf Classic,” says Dean Schneller.



Scholarship recipients L-R Meredith Schneider, Christen Thigpen, Benjamin Samuelson and Meghan Benak

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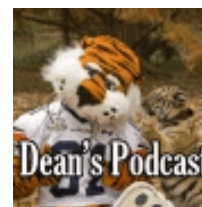
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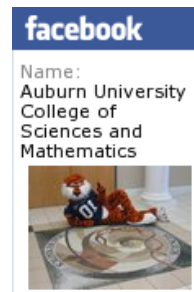
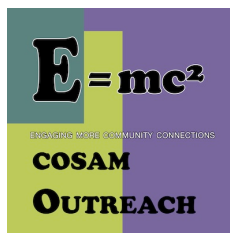
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